

MOTHER CHURCH OF THE ACADIANS



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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm
Closed Fridays and Holidays

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please call or come by the Parish Office for registration.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (*Anticipated*): 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am and 10 am (*Solemn*)

Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 am
Saturday: 8 am (*Grotto altar*)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3-3:45 pm
30 min. before all other Masses or by request

**Sacrament of Baptism, Anointing
of the Sick and Funeral Arrangements**
Please see website or contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples must contact Pastor at least six months prior.

Parish Staff

Rev. Fr. Jason Vidrine *Curé*
Deacon Adam Conque *Deacon*
Mrs. Tammy LeBlanc *Pastoral Assistant*
Ms. Dianne Douet *Parish Bookkeeper/Cemetery*
Ms. Tilly Duplechin *Director of Religious Education*
Mr. Patrick Melancon *Director of Sacred Music*
Mr. Ed Horn *Carpenter/Technician*
Mr. Macy Broussard *Parish Maintenance*

CCD Program

September-April
Grades 1-8 At home/Monthly meeting

First Holy Communion
(Grade 2) and

Confirmation Prep
(Grades 9-11)
twice per month

www.saintmartindetours.org



Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

GOD DOES NOT GIVE UP

Our readings today point to God's deep commitment to human relationships. Our passage from Genesis begins with the declaration that God created human persons to be social beings, who can only thrive when they live in deep connection with each other and with God. The author of Hebrews teaches that the coming of Jesus as one of us shows God's radical commitment to human life. Jesus' teaching about divorce, described in today's Gospel, shows God's deep investment in marriage and, implicitly, all human relationships. When our personal relationships with others are distant or broken, God seeks to heal them. When social structures serve to maintain oppression, or to keep groups in ongoing conflict, God is working to overthrow them. Even when we give up on each other, God does not give up. God will work ceaselessly, in us and through us, within all the pain and joy of the human situation.

LIKE A CHILD

Today's passage from Mark's Gospel is in the context of Jesus' teaching about the kingdom, or reign, of God. A common understanding was that entering the kingdom was based on family origin, or achievement, or status in the community. Jesus pushes back on this, and presents a child as a model of receptivity and openness.

This is not to suggest that adults must somehow reject the wisdom gained through adult experience and return to childhood. Adult maturity also includes the difficult journey, usually later in life, of letting go of illusions that we have built up about our own virtue, skills, and autonomy. Jesus' teaching pushes back against our culture, which honors energy and vigor, expertise and achievement. These valuable gifts can fail us if we cannot accept our dependence on God who provides and cultivates these gifts. We can accept God's graciousness in our life when we open our hearts as a child does.

PROUD TO BE HUMAN

This is the first of seven consecutive Sundays that we will share passages from the Letter to the Hebrews. The letter is an extended sermon by an unknown author directed to a Christian community where likely many were converts from Judaism. The author attempts to link Jesus to the story of the people of Israel, building toward an image of Christ as God's perfect high priest. Christ the High Priest is described as the central link between humanity and God.

When we reflect upon the life and death of Jesus, we can more deeply accept that through Jesus, God knows what we humans experience. Jesus the High Priest embraces his humanity. In today's passage, the author claims that Jesus is proud to be human, proud to be our brother in the family of God. The letter to the Hebrews is not only a celebration of Christ, it is an affirmation of the dignity of our own human life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:18–24
Psalm 128: 1–2, 3, 4–5, 6
Hebrews 2:9–11
Mark 10:2–16 [2–12]



Jeff Durand



Mike Formeller



Brody Hulin



Donnie Latiolais



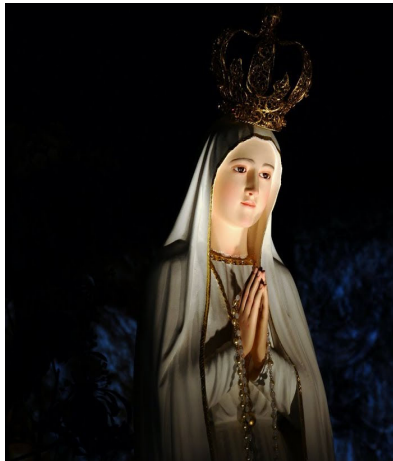
Becky Patin



Blake Douet



Congratulations to the newly constituted Pastoral Council of St. Martin de Tours Church: Jeff Durand, Mike Formeller, Brody Hulin, and Donnie Latiolais who were elected and Becky Patin and Blake Douet who were appointed. Thanks to each of them for their willingness to serve our Parish!



A Solemn High Mass

+
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday
October 7, 2021
6:30 PM



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 AT 6:00PM IN THE PARISH HALL

PRO-LIFE CORNER!

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend we kick-off our Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Unexpected Pregnancy Center, which serves Iberia, St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes. Because of your generous donations, the center has been able to provide pregnancy testing, consulting, ultrasound imaging, maternal-family education, as well as adoption information and other life-affirming services to pregnant women in need, all free of charge. Since opening in 2018, the center has served over 280 pregnant women in our community. After receiving these services, over 80% of abortion minded mothers will choose life rather than abortion.

Baby bottles will be available after all services today and may be returned next weekend with donations inside.



Join us in

Honoring Life and Preserving the Family

117 E. Pershing Street, New Iberia, La. 70560
www.upcfrinds.com

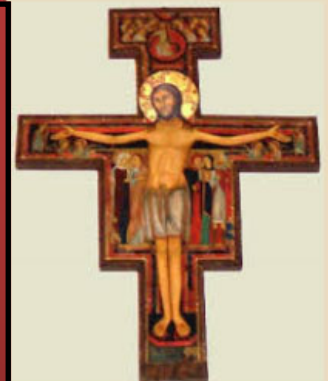


The Mother Teresa Foundation is a 501(c)3 non profit dba The Unexpected Pregnancy Center



Fr. Vidrine will be away from the Parish October 12, 13 & 14 2021 for the Annual Priest Retreat. Holy Mass will not be offered on these days.

There will be a Communion Service held on Tuesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 14, 2021



*All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year.
Therefore it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.*

All Saints' Day

Monday, November 1, 2021
Mass Schedule:

6:00 PM Holy Mass

ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2

The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2021
Mass Schedule:

6:30 AM Holy Mass

6:00 PM Holy Mass in
St. Michael's Cemetery
(at the Cross)



BLESSING OF THE TOMBS

St. Michael's Cemetery + Sunday, October 31, 2021
at 11:30AM



Saint Spotlight

Saint Francis of Assisi

October 4 The patron

saint of Italy, Francis of
Assisi was a poor little man
who astounded and inspired

the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow
fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus
said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of
self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis

to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of
Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a
self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a
leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete
obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis!

Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your
duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And
when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and
lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that

you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and
exceeding joy." From the cross in the neglected field-chapel
of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build
up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became

the totally poor and humble workman. He must have
suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he
would have been content to be for the rest of his life the
poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in

abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling
even his clothes before his earthly father—who was
demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor—so
that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven."

He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic,
begging from door to door when he could not get money for
his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his
former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. But

genuineness will tell. A few people began to realize that this
man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed
what Jesus said: "Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold
or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no

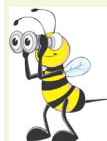
sandals, no staff" (Luke 9:1-3). Francis' first rule for his
followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had
no intention of founding an order, but once it began he

protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to
support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were
absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various

movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity.
Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer
and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided

in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when
he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in
Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both
cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the
Fifth Crusade.

During the last years of his relatively short life, he died at
44, Francis was half blind and seriously ill. Two years
before his death he received the stigmata, the real and
painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.



**ST. MICHAEL 'S CEMETERY DUES
WILL BE MAILED OUT STARTING
THIS WEEK !**

SANCTUARY LAMP

Yvette Romero Cartwright

CONSECRATION CANDLES

Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew; Kenny Bernard (DA) Ray & Howard

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Beranger D. Theriot (DA 10/1)

FLOWERS AT THE GROTTO

Mitchell & Dorothy B. Savoy

BLESSED MOTHER STATUE

will be at the home of

Connie Pelafique (Oct. 5-11, 2021)

BAPTISM

Alden Lucas LeBlanc (9/18)

Everleigh Claire Dauphin (9/19)

Elijah Matthew Schexnayder (9/19)

Anastasia Lynn Schexnayder (9/19)

Stella Rose Schexnayder (9/19)

Bentley Reese Schexnayder (9/19)

WEEKLY BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana

"Come to the Well" - Grief Retreat

Saturday, November 6, 2021 9AM-5PM

Immaculate Center

Today's fast paced society provides little time, space or support for those who have suffered loss. "Come to the Well" is a day of hope and restoration for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one: parents, children, siblings, spouse, etc. The day is filled with prayer utilizing meditation "Living Scripture," music, journaling and personal sharing to honor and embrace the reality of shared loss. "Come to the Well" offers opportunities for retreatants to find strength in the sharing to move through the losses of life with hope for a renewed vision. The cost is **\$35.00 per person** (including lunch).

Registration and payment due date is **October 30th**. For more information please contact the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at 337-261-5598.

Marriage Tips!

Embrace the conflict, it is healthy and productive.

Make concessions and make peace; the goal is to heal, not to divide.

Be Positive and Proactive, always begin and end with the positive.

Reset when needed; be willing to calmly say: "I'd like to say that over." Take an agreed upon time out if necessary.

Avoid criticism and name calling, and while we're at it, avoid absolutes like: "You always....."

Call on God; take that moment to ask for wisdom and clarity. Seek to find the higher path.

End with the positive. It's really not important what was decided, your marriage is what's important.

This would be a good time to **EMBRACE**.



2021 Mass Count



Bishop Deshotel has asked all church parishes to count attendees at each weekend mass. Counting will be taken during the Gloria. October 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17, 23 & 24, 30 & 31, 2021

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Donations are now being accepted for All Saints & All Souls Day. Please come by the Parish Office or drop your donations with names in the envelopes provided at all entrances of the church.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

TIME, Talent & Treasure



Catholic Daughters:

Meeting 1st Thursday of every month at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Ladies 18 or older, please join us to learn more about Catholic Daughters of America. Contact: Christine Gaspard at 967-1592.



Come Lord Jesus:

A small faith filled community for the purpose of deeper reflection of the Sunday readings proclaimed at Mass. Meets every Wednesday evening at 5:00PM in the cafeteria. Contact, Brook Dauphine at 342-0040.



Knights of Columbus:

A Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works. Monthly meeting held every 3rd Wednesday at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Contact George Choplin at 552-5090.



That Man Is You:

Attention Men of St. Martin de Tours, Do you seek to be the best man you can be? Come join with other men of the parish every Tuesday morning at 5:30AM in the Parish Hall. Contact Brody Hulin at 337-298-4100



Men's Cursillo Ultreya:

Meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Everyone who has made or is interested in making a Cursillo is welcomed. For more information contact: Kevin Theriot at 337-380-1298.



St. Martha's Guild:

A group of volunteers that help provide a meal before or after a funeral. Contact Marlene Castille at 394-9551.

Date - Time	Extraordinary Ministers	Lector	Mass Intentions
Daily Mass 10/5-8/21 6:30 AM	Rev. Jason Vidrine	Buddy Hebert	Tuesday 10/5/21 Special Intention Wednesday 10/6/21 M/M Perry DeRouen; Special Intention; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux Thursday 10/7/21 Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; L.J. Dugas & Louis Suard; Kenny Bernard (Kenny DA), Ray & Howard; Special Intention Friday 10/8/21 Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Special Intention
Saturday 10/9/21 8:00 AM 4:00 PM	8:00AM Rev. Vidrine 4:00PM Deacon Conque; Michelle Bienvenu; Howard Boyer	8:00AM Buddy Hebert 4:00PM R.J. Robichaux	8:00AM M/M Henry A. Guidry, Sr. Family; M/M Henry A. Guidry, Jr. & Family; M/M Sidney L. Guidry Family; M/M Mark Guidry & Family; M/M Rene Guidry Family; M/M Kenneth Berard Family; M/M Ronnie Guidry Family; M/M Richard J. Guidry Family; M/M Patrick Macavoy Family; M/M Neal Guidry Family; Stanley Guidry; M/M Gus Broggie Family; M/M Ray Thibodaux Family; M/M Clovis Talley Family; M/M Calice Bergeron, Sr. & Jr. Family; M/M Jean Thibodaux Family; M/M Elise Joseph Family; Rev. Leger & Priest of St. Martin de Tours; Parishioners of St. Martin de Tours 4:00PM Mac & Evelyn Champagne; Ethel G. Oubre; Michael Anthony Mire, Clifton Mire, Sr. & Stefan Mire; Evelyn Broussard Gary (DA); Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Leona & Dudley David, Sr. & David; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin; James "Jim" Douet, Jr.; George Resweber; Bryan James Poirier; Carolyn C. Fuselier; Georgean A. Babin; M/M Lucier Angelle Family; Bobbie & Alton Oubre, Sr.; Bernard Breaux, Sr.; William Rogers Clark; Irvin & Shirley Hulin Delcambre; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Douglas Guidry; E.L. Guidry, Sr.; M/M Nelius Bordelon
Sunday 10/10/21 8:00 AM	Deacon Conque; Gail Blanchard; Fred Foti	Marie Patin	Jim Guidry (DA 9/29); A.J. "Bon" & Leona Champagne; Souls in Purgatory; Albert Rodriguez & Vance; MaryAnn & Robert Marks Family; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Joyce, Evelyn & Cynthia Laperouse; Alcee & Julma Thibodeaux Family; Priscilla Hulin; Mitchell & Marie Talley (Mitchel BD 10/10 Marie BD 10/11); Robert & Fred Daspit; Lezima & Andrew Daspit; Alta & Mitchell Broussard; Adam J. & Delores B. Richard (Adam DA 10/11); Roy Breaux, Sr. & Myrtle Girouard; Gercie & Oswald Fauchaux; Special Intention; Catholic Daughters of America; John & Rita Douet; James & Dorothy Laperouse & Daughters; M/M Edmond Laperouse & Family; AJ "Jay" Melancon, Jr. & Keith; Ava Nicole Douet; Vance V. Breaux, Sr.
Sunday 10/10/21 10:00 AM	Deacon Conque; Connie Pelafigue; Loretta Blanchard	Julie Hulin	Yvette Romero Cartwright; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Merlin J. Champagne; William Kell Lewis, Jr.; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux; Marin & Joanna Durand; Hubert & Lorena Hulin, Adalyn; Harvey Pelafigue; Wayne Bienvenu & Suzette Bienvenu Judice; Frank, Lena & Murphy Latolais; M/M J. Sylvain Barras (his BD); M/M Albert Landry; M/M Alfred Landry; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; Cliff Durand; Pim & Pecko Eastin, Bryson; Hazel Robertson; M/M Anicet Berard & Joe; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Patrick Olivier



TEURLINGS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

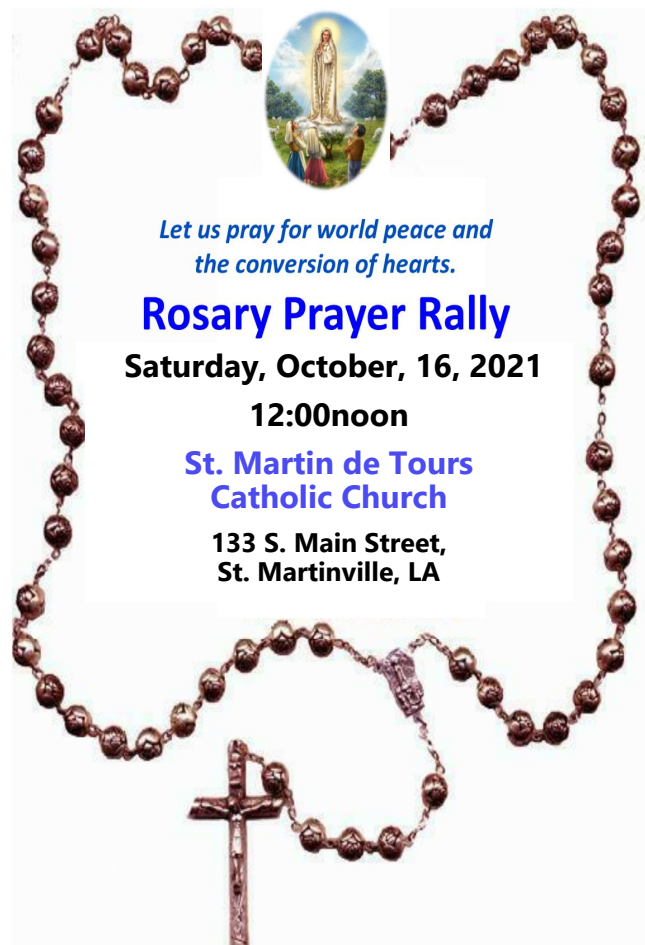
All parents and students who are considering Teurlings Catholic High School for the 2022-2023 school year are invited to join us for TCHS OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, October 26th.

Two tours will begin at 4:00pm & 5:30pm. RSVP is required and space will be limited. The reservation link is available on our website: www.tchs.net/admissions/ and will close on Monday, October 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Hanes in the Development Office at 235-5711 ext. 2 or mhanes@tchs.net.

Stewardship of Treasure Many Thanks for Your Continued Generosity!

General Offering 9/26/21	\$	7,433.20
Weekly budget 2020/2021	\$	9,000.00
Difference	\$	- 1,566.80
Relief for Haiti	\$	1,870.00

2nd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 10/3/21	BUILDING FUND
2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 10/10/21	FOUNTAIN FUND



Let us pray for world peace and
the conversion of hearts.

Rosary Prayer Rally

Saturday, October, 16, 2021

12:00noon

St. Martin de Tours
Catholic Church

133 S. Main Street,
St. Martinville, LA

Contact Gwen Douet for more information 277-5792